

NOT UNANIMOUS FOR MORTON

A LIVELY SET-TO IN THE REPUBLICAN
COUNTY COMMITTEE.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE GOVERNOR ADOPTED
AFTER MANY MEMBERS HAD DECLARED FOR
M'KINLEY AS SECOND CHOICE—POLICE

BOARD CENSURED—CHANGES IN
THE CONSTITUTION.

Governor Morton's rather unlucky boom got another hole in it last night at the meeting of

Another man in the first night session of the Republican County Committee. President Edward Lauterbach before calling for order assured reporters that it was going to be a "short session," but he was probably unaware of the pitfall that lay in the path of the machine.

At the proper time in the order of business, after Secretary Manning had finished the minutes and other matters in the schedule had been attended to, Lloyd Collis, of the XXIXth Assembly District, son of the Commissioner of Public Works, who was the night before elected a Morton-McKinley delegate from the XVth Congress District, arose and began by calling the committee's attention to the fact that Chairman Lauterbach, in his inaugural address in January, had pledged the Republican organization of this year to a hearty and earnest indorsement of Governor Morton as a candidate for the Presidency. Abraham Gruber, of the XXXIst District, the guide and philosopher of the machine on the floor, was the first to scent trouble and he promptly raised the point of order that Mr. Collis was not speaking to any motion.

MR. COLLIS'S MOTION.

"I have a motion to make," replied Mr. Collis, "and its purpose is to redeem the promise of Mr. Lauterbach, which has gone unfulfilled till now." He then offered the following:

Resolved, That the Republican County Committee of 1896 cordially and earnestly indorse the candidacy of Governor Levi P. Morton for President of the United States.

There were cheers, during which Mr. Gruber, received a hurried signal from the Chair, seconded Mr. Collis's resolution. Frederick S. Gibbs.

who began to suspect that the shot fired by young Collis had been prepared by long-headed "second choice McKinley men," got up to say that he thought the resolution ill-timed, but he would second it too. He wanted to explain that as an elected delegate to St. Louis he had "no second choice." (Boisterous laughter from the McKinley benches).

I. Albert Engelhardt, of the XXVth District, an out-and-out McKinley man, asked to be excused from voting, which was granted.

Colonel T. C. Campbell declared that his first and second choice was a man whose name was a platform in itself, William McKinley, of Ohio.

A rollick was demanded by ex-Assemblyman Lucas L. Van Allen, and Secretary Manchester began to call out the names. Ex-Assemblyman William Halpin explained with a sweeping arm and elbow flourish that he was for Morton and nobody else.

Colonel Campbell alluded to his own defeat for

delegate in the XIVth District Convention the night before and added: "I am not for Morton; I am for McKinley and I therefore vote 'no.'" Mr. Engelhardt withdrew his request to be excused and voted "no."

"I do not hesitate to say that I have a second choice. (Cheers.) I have little respect for the man who in these times of financial distress and bankruptcy says he has no second choice for President. I have no respect for a delegate who goes into the St. Louis Convention without any second choice. (More applause.) He will find

himself in a respectable minority. I can only hope that he will have the stability and independence to select a second choice for himself when the time comes, and not let somebody else do it for him. (Cheers and hisses.) I have great respect for Governor Morton, but if I should meet him to-morrow I should tell him frankly that I have a second choice." Mr. Robinson then voted "aye," and H. B. Smith, of the XXXIst District, voted a stout, plain,

blunt, "Nay."

Thomas F. Eagan, of the XXIII, when called, did not respond. Being pressed by the machine managers to vote, he said:

"I did my voting last night in the XXIII Congress District Convention. I voted for two men, William Brookfield and General McCook, who will represent me at St. Louis." Mr. Eagan was himself elected an alternate.

GIBBS MAKES A BREAK.

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Mr. Gibbs got the floor again and said, evidently in reply to the remarks of Campbell and Robinson, that he had been in two National conventions and always represented his con-

stittency. But," he added, forgetting for the moment that he was a "last ditch" Morton man, "when the time comes for me to declare my second choice, I want you to understand it won't be McKinley. I have had enough of the Ohio contingent."

Colonel Campbell replied that he supposed Mr. Gibbs's remark was "intended to be semi-insulting." He added: "Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and McPherson were all Ohio men, but none of them was greater than the man who will be the next President of the United States—"

The secretary announced that seventy-three delegates had voted for the resolution and three against it, and Mr. Lauterbach declared it carried.

Mr. Gruber offered a resolution which said that T. F. Rodenbough had been appointed Chief of the Bureau of Elections for three years by the

Tammany Hall Board of Police Commissioners, under Mayor Grant; that he had been reappointed by the Tammany Hall Board of Police Commissioners, Mayor Gilroy, and that during the time he held office there were marvellous frauds against the ballot in the city of New-York by Tammany Hall, without any protest from Rodenbough, by which the Republican party in this city had been defrauded out of many votes each year until 1894; notwithstanding which Rodenbough had been recently reappointed for another term of three years by the present Board of Police Commissioners; "therefore be it resolved, by the Republican County Committee of the City and County of New-York, that it condemns the reappointment of said Rodenbough as an injustice to the Republicans of the City and County of New-York, and as contrary to the expressed will of the people as recorded at the election of 1894.

Mr. Gruber supported his resolution with

After speeches by Montague Lessler, H. C. Robinson, John Sabine Smith and others, Lloyd Collis commended the conduct of the police at the last election, and offered an amendment that the thanks of the County Committee be extended to the Board of Police for the manner in which they had conducted their Department.

in giving the city a fair election in 1895.
Mr. Collis's amendment was promptly voted

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thorough workmanship and careful attention to de-
tails of style are features of our ready-to-wear
clothing. **GEORGE G. BENJAMIN, BROADWAY,**
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